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SUBJ; AUGUST 29 ILMAC MEETING

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1. LEBANESE AMBASSADOR KABBANI CALLED ON ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIES AUGUST 30 RE ICAO ASSEMBLY. KABBANI EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT OUTCOME OF ICAO VOTE IN ROME AND PRAISED COOPERATION BETWEEN LEBANESE AND US DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK, MONTREAL AND ROME DISCUSSIONS.

2. KABBANI THEN RAISED AUGUST 29 ILMAC MEETING, GIVING SAME ACCOUNT OF POSITION TAKEN BY ISRAELI REP AS THAT PROVIDED AMB. BUFFUM BY SADAQA (REFTEL). KABBANI SAID GOL DEPLORED ATTEMPTED ISRAELI "BLACKMAIL," BUT WAS EVEN MORE CONFIDENTIAL

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CONCERNED ISRAELIS MIGHT USE ILMAC AND ALLEGED FEDAYEEN

CROSSINGS TO PRESSURE LEBANESE IN FUTURE "EVERY TIME WE
TABLE A RESOLUTION." KABBANI SUGGESTED ISRAELI TACTIC IN-
TODUCED A "NEW PHASE" IN RELATIONSHIP WITH LEBANON.

3. DAVIES RESPONDED THAT IN OUR CONTACTS WITH ISRAEL, IN
WASHINGTON AND IN TEL AVIV, ABOUT DIVERSION INCIDENT WE HAD

MADE IT CLEAR WE WERE WORKING IN CLOSE COOPERATION AND IN
HARMONY WITH THE LEBANESE. THE LEBANESE POSITION WAS
ORIENTED TOWARD PREVENTING FUTURE INCIDENTS AND WAS
CONSISTENT WITH THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL PARTIES
CONCERNED. THERE SHOULD BE NO QUESTION HERE OR IN TEL
AVIV THAT THE USG FEELS THE LEBANESE HAVE APPROACHED THIS
PROBLEM SERIOUSLY AND RESPONSIBLY, AVOIDING EXTREME
POSITIONS AND PROPAGANDA. DAVIES SAID HE WAS SURE THAT THE
ISRAELIS HAD GOTTEN THIS MESSAGE. ROGERS

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